

Gwich'in Youth Gathering Registration Kit



“Yeendoo Geenjit Chit Niint’ aii Giheelyaa”
“Strong leaders for the future”

Old Crow, Yukon
July 10, 11, 12th, 2008

During the 2006 Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Annual General Assembly the youth of Old Crow, Yukon directed the VGFN Education department to coordinate and host a Gwich'in Youth Gathering.

The 2008 first ever Gwich'in Youth Gathering will provide the Gwich'in youth with a venue to come together to celebrate their culture in addition to discussing issues which they are facing and challenged by in today's society, as young aboriginal peoples, living in isolated communities. Who in today's society still continue to mainly live traditional lifestyles.

Some of the topics of discussion will be focused on challenges in today's society, promoting arts and culture, providing opportunities to learn or expand youth knowledge in fiddling, guitar and music, engage our young people in learning how to play the traditional Athabasca Gwich'in style fiddle and guitar tunes, education, politics, and preservation of the Porcupine Caribou herd, language preservation, Alcohol and Drugs and Traditional Gwich'in Practices. In addition to these discussions and workshop topics there will be a huge emphasis and training component with focus on Leadership Training as well as skills development.

Following the Gwich'in Youth Gathering a delegation of Gwich'in youth will be chosen to attend the Biennial Gwich'in Gathering July 13 – 19th, 2008 being held in Old Crow, Yukon to put forward their recommendations and resolutions passed during the Gwich'in Youth Gathering. The youth will be in attendance to present and speak to their recommendations to their leadership and Nation.

Workshops

July 10th, 2008

Please select one workshop per day; unless you are registering for Self Expression & Self Esteem, Youth Leadership & Training or Fiddlin' Around, as they are 3 day workshops.

Workshop A

A-1

SELF EXPRESSION & SELF ESTEEM

With Dakota House

3 full days

10:00am – 4:00 pm

Dakota House is best known for his role as “Tee Vee Tenia” in the CBC Television series, “North of 60”. Dakota has been facilitating workshop in Self Esteem and self expression working directly with Aboriginal Youth at conferences and visiting communities throughout Canada for over 14 years. He brings hope and inspiration to aboriginal youth with his interactive workshops which focus on all aspects of life. He works with communities to assist in healthy lifestyles and works within the area of problem solving with the community.

Self Expression/Self Esteem will focus on trust exercises, negative energy release, personal development, positive messages, and responsibilities of youth within their home communities.

A-2

FIDDLIN' AROUND

With Sierra Noble and Boyd Benjamin

3 Full Days

10:00am – 4:00pm

Limit ten youth

Have you ever wanted to learn the fiddle? Play some good ol' time tunes dance tunes? Well here is your chance. Nationally renowned fiddle players, Sierra Noble (Métis Nation) and Old Crow's own Boyd Benjamin (Vuntut Gwitchin) will be on hand to conduct a three day introduction to fiddling. This workshop will provide hands on instruction to the basics of fiddling. By the end of the three days Sierra and Boyd will have you stompin' your feet and fiddlin' around!!!

A-3

YOUTH LEADERSHIP & TRAINING
With Tami Hamilton and Cst. Eyvi Smith
3 Full Days
10:00am – 4:00pm
Limit eight youth

Youth will spend three days (day trips) floating the Porcupine River learning and developing hard-skills, like paddling, river safety, outdoor safety skills and cooking. Leave no trace practices will be implemented into this workshop at all times. Soft-skills such as communication, conflict resolution, risk management, navigation and outdoor leadership will also be covered.

Physical Geography, Earth Science, Natural History, Ethno Botany and Cultural History will also be immersed in the program and taught through a “natural discovery process”.

July 11th, 2008

Workshop B

B-1

**EMERGING WARRIORS: ABORIGINAL YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT**
With Don Burnstick
1 Day
10:00am – 4:00pm

Spend your day laughing and learning with internationally renowned “Red Skin” comedian and facilitator Don Burnstick. In this workshop Don will speak about youth leadership, the development of personal and community role models, as well as the establishment of a healthy peer support group in the community. This workshop is for youth who want to make a difference and the CHANGE in their communities!

B-2

INTRODUCTION TO CEREMONIES WORKSHOP

With Randall Tetlich

1 Day

10:00am – 4:00pm

Interested in learning about your traditional teachings, through ceremony and prayer? Always wondered about why things are done in a certain way within the Gwich'in Culture but too scared to ask, now is your chance to learn and ask questions in a respectful, confidential and caring environment.

Well respected Vuntut Gwitchin Traditional Healer and Facilitator, Randall Tetlich will lead youth on a one day spiritual journey through self exploration, traditional healing ceremonies, and prayer. The afternoon will be spent in a traditional sweat lodge at Randall's camp on Crow Mountain.

B-3

ALCOHOL AWARENESS & GOAL SETTING

With REDD NATION

1 Day

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Feel alcohol may be affecting your life in a negative way? Need some support from someone who is young and understands? It is never too late and we have just the group of young people to inspire and support you on starting on your Red Road. RedNation popular aboriginal Hip Hop Group consisting of five young men, will take youth on a journey which explores the use of alcohol, its negative effects by drawing upon their life experience to present a workshop which focuses on sharing their stories about alcohol abuse and goal setting. This workshop discusses education, history, and culture, leaving participants with an insight on what it takes to overcome obstacles in every-day situations.

July 12th, 2008

Workshop C

C-1

EMPOWERING OUR YOUTH: DEALING WITH THE BULLYING ISSUE

With Don Burnstick

1 Day

10:00am – 4:00pm

Is bully an issue in your community? Ever been affected by someone's bullying behavior or had a friend affected by a bully. Here is the chance to learn why people bully, and to make a positive change within our nation. Don Burnstick will look at ways to promote peace, tackle violence, resolve conflict and bullying, and help with the empowerment of our young people.

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C-3

HIP HOP 101

With REDD NATION

1 Day

10:00am – 4:00pm

REDD NATION takes the audience into the past as they explore the history of hip-hop and its growth as a culture. They will discuss writing styles, production tips, and the four main elements of hip-hop. The workshop invites participants to share their own writings or recordings for constructive criticism.

Registration

Step 1

Fill out the registration form and be sure to include your workshop choices. Please put a check mark in your first choice and your second choice workshops. Fax to: 1-867-966-3800 or email krumley@vgfn.net on or before Friday, June 20th, 2008. Registration Kits will be available to pick up at the Old Crow Youth Centre on July 9th, 2008 between 2-4:30pm.

Step 2

Check with your chaperone or First Nation to confirm travel dates and times.

Name:	
First Nation	
Address:	
City:	
Postal Code	
Phone:	

Workshop A - July 10th, 2008	1st Choice	2nd Choice
Self Expression & Self Esteem with Dakota House		
Fiddlin' Around with Sierra Noble & Boyd Benjamin		
Youth Leadership & Training with Tami Hamilton and Cst. Eyvi Smith		

Workshop B - July 11th, 2008	1st Choice	2nd Choice
Emerging Warriors: Aboriginal Youth Development with Don Burnstick		
Introduction to Ceremonies Workshop with Randall Tetlich		
Alcohol Awareness & Goal Setting with REDD NATION		

Workshop C – July 12th, 2008	1st Choice	2nd Choice
Empowering Our Youth: Dealing with the Bullying Issue with Don Burnstick		
Introduction to Ceremonies Workshop with Randall Tetlich		
Hip Hop 101 with REDD NATION		

Travel & Accommodation

Travel and Accommodation are the responsibility of the individual. All youth must be accompanied by their chaperones, if you require assistance with accommodations please contact Tracy Rispin at trispin@vgfn.net or call (867)966-3261 ext. 255 or Kim Rumley at krumley@vgfn.net or call (867)456-3826.